

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas  
Regular City Council Meeting  
Aug 12, 2003

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson, City Attorney Brent Houston and Aldermen Gina Daniel, Glenn Dinsmore, Rick Tribble, Linda Linkous, and Diane Everett. Alderman Mike Kemp was absent

Minutes of July 08, 2003 regular meeting were not distributed in time for the Aldermen to read them prior to the meeting. On a motion by Alderman Daniel, second by Alderman Everett and a voice vote, with no opposition, it was agreed to delay voting on the minutes until the next meeting.

**Financial Report:** Recorder-Treasurer Wilson reported The following:

General Fund Checking Account .... \$35,349.56

Payroll Account ..... \$ 1,576.69

Stephens Account .... \$47,495.88

For a total General Fund balance of \$88,422.13.

Street Fund Checking Account .....\$ 75,055.85

Stephens Account ..... \$ 44,689.60

For a total Street Fund balance of ...\$119,745.45.

There followed several minutes of dialog between Alderman Linkous and Recorder Treasurer Wilson concerning format and content of the reports and additional information that might make the financial picture clearer.

**Dept Head reports:**

**Fire Dept.** (Mel Aldridge) Four (4) Fire calls during July and Nine (9) rescue calls. That pushes the total calls for the year to 115. Involvement in the "FireWise" program is continuing and citizen participation will be requested soon. Refer to Fire Chief's written report for additional details.

In response to a question from the Mayor, Mel reported that even though he is currently somewhat incapacitated he is still functioning as Fire Chief and had not assigned anyone to perform as acting chief during his recovery.

Alderman Tribble asked what the Fire Dept.'s plans were for a \$5,000.00 grant that was received as reported in June. Mel stated that it was going to be used to purchase radios so that all firefighters would be equipped.

**Public Works (Water & Sewer and Street Depts.):** (David Passmore)

Street Dept has applied over Six (6) tons of hot mix in the repair of streets. Walkway to Davis school has been cleaned and cleared.

Three new meters have been set in Carrington Place. Two meters that were malfunctioning have been replaced.

Water samples that were recently sent to ADH passed all tests. Lead and copper content was well within the safe range so our citizens can be assured that our water supply is clean, safe and healthy.

**Item 1:**

Public Works Manager, David Passmore, described the problems with the old tractor and bush hog and presented price quotes he had received from three local area vendors for a new tractor and bush hog. After several minutes of discussion a motion was made by Alderman Dinsmore that A study of various methods of financing the purchase of a new tractor and bush hog be conducted and that a special meeting be scheduled for next Tuesday night, (Aug 19,2003), for the purpose of evaluating the choices and taking action on the issue. The motion received a second from Alderman Everett and was approved with a voice vote. There was no opposition.

**Police Dept.** (David Kennedy, acting Chief)

With the Chief out for heart surgery, with little advance warning, there is no written, detailed report ready at this time. Manpower has been spread thin at times during past month with Officer Dillavou out of town for several days to retrieve a prisoner and another officer off on vacation.

Approximately 250 calls have been received and responded to in last month with about 20 new cases opened for investigation.

The police Dept has voted, with 100% agreement, to support Chief Brown with respect to any issues or events that may occur.

The two “new” cars are performing well. Cost of outfitting them will be several hundred dollars but they will be well worth the cost.

One of the older cars, in the police fleet, has been sold. The proceeds from that sale will help offset the cost of getting the other cars equipped and maintained.

**Court Clerk:** (written report)

In July ... 173 charges filed. Receipts of \$3882.00/

In August 270 charges filed. Receipts of \$4115.00 through Aug 11<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Alderman Daniel, with second from Alderman Dinsmore to move the four guests to the top of the agenda. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

**Item 2.**

**Tim Lemmons** addressed the Council on a couple of ongoing issues. First, he reported that application was underway for the ADED “Gap Financing” with respect to the Sewer expansion grant. He stated that even though the city may not borrow the funds, it does need to go through the approval process.

A handout was provided covering progress in the *Infrastructure Master Plan*. The handout, and discussion, covered statistics on water consumption by Water Dept customers. Growth limitations established by contract with Little Rock Wastewater was pointed out.

A map was presented depicting current city limits boundary and another line indicating potential growth area. Some discussion followed relative to the benefits and detriments of expansion through annexation. There seemed to be general agreement that the annexation possibilities that are currently on the table would benefit both the City of Shannon Hills and the land owners involved.

**Item 3.**

**Mr. Jim Tirey** was given the floor. He is a landowner with land in the Chicot Road area. He expressed a strong desire to have his land annexed into the city and expressed hope and belief that most of his neighbors felt, or would feel, the same way. He talked about his development plans, including a 300 – 350 unit mobile home park, and assured the council that he would work with them and the city Planning Commission in all development aspects.

**Item 4.**

**Sean Dinsmore** addressed the council concerning his Eagle Scout project. He has undertaken the task of renovating the City hall Restroom and making it ADA compliant. He reported that he had received some cash and materials donations but was still about \$400.00 short. He asked the council to fund the project shortage. Before the council could present a motion and vote, Alderman Everett offered a \$200.00 donation. She stated that she had intended to do so earlier but schedule and travel had caused her to delay the action. Following that action, Mr. Doug Lofton offered a contribution of \$200.00 which basically covered the shortage described by Mr. Dinsmore.

Mr. Dinsmore announced that in addition to the materials he needed for the restroom, he had received enough sheet rock and floor tile to renovate the City Hall meeting/Court room.

Following more discussion relative to the City hall Renovation A motion was made by Alderman Daniel to appropriate \$300.00 from the general fund to be used in the completion of the renovation project. Any and all unused funds shall be returned to the General Fund. The motion received a second from Alderman Tribble and was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

**Item 5.**

A citizen was scheduled to address the council concerning the desire to split an over-sized lot on Laddie Dr. into two lots. That person was not present. However, Mayor Davis described the situation but recommended that the issue be passed to the next meeting when the citizen may be present and can offer details. Motion to pass to September agenda was made by Alderman Tribble. Second was made by Alderman Everett and the motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

**Item 6.**

Six items were presented under a “Consent Agenda” for council consideration. They were:

Resolution 2003-09.. Anti-Displacement Resolution

Resolution 2003-10.. Fair Housing Resolution

Resolution 2003-11.. Drug Free Workplace Resolution

Resolution 2003-12.. Prohibited Use of Excessive Force Against Individuals Engaged in Non-Violent Civil Rights Demonstrations Resolution

Each resolution was read, in full, by the city attorney. Following the reading a motion was made by Alderman Daniel that all four resolutions be adopted, as read. Motion received a

second from Alderman Dinsmore. Motion was approved via a voice vote with no opposition.

- The Mayor noted that since the city Employee Handbook stated the “Zero Tolerance” position of the city, with respect to drug use, that he felt it would be good to make resolution 2003-11 a part of the Handbook.

Amendment of Ordinance 2002-03 (Condition of Property), to include a penalty clause  
Amendment of Ordinance 2002-04 (Unsafe Buildings), to include a penalty clause

Both Ordinances were identified and the Amended portions read. Following the reading, a motion to adopt the amended Ordinances, as read, was made by Alderman Tribble. Motion received a second from Alderman Daniel. Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Upon the request of the Mayor, a motion was made by Alderman Linkous to suspend the rules and to invoke the emergency clause concerning the two Ordinances just amended. The motion received a second from Alderman Dinsmore. The Motion was approved via voice vote with no opposition.

Motion was made by Alderman Dinsmore with second from Alderman Tribble to approve the Amended ordinances 2002-03 (Condition of Property) and 2003-04 (Unsafe Buildings). This is SECOND VOTE. Motion passed via voice vote with no opposition.

Motion was made by Alderman Linkous with second from Alderman Everett to approve the Amended ordinances 2002-03 (Condition of Property) and 2003-04 (Unsafe Buildings). This is THIRD VOTE. Motion passed via voice vote with no opposition.

#### **Item 7.**

Under Old Business... A motion was made to adopt the “new” Employee Handbook. This is the second vote on this issue. Motion was offered by Alderman Dinsmore with second from Alderman Everett. Motion passed via voice vote with no opposition.

#### **Item 8.**

Motion from Alderman Daniel that the city use \$4,500.00 dollars from the water Department to fund the purchase of 100 “weather alert” radios with funds to be repaid within 90 days. Second from Alderman Everett. Motion passed via voice vote with no opposition.

#### **Point of Order:**

Recorder-Treasurer Wilson pointed out that he had just reviewed the minutes from last month’s meeting (July) and found that second vote on adoption of employee handbook was not really needed because it is not an ordinance. However, only one vote has been recorded on the amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance and therefore, additional votes ARE needed on that issue.

#### **Item 9.**

Based on the information presented in the above “point of Order” a motion was made by Alderman Linkous to add the Animal Control Ordinance Amendment to the Agenda.

Motion received a second from Alderman Dinsmore. Motion approved by voice vote with no opposition.

The Title of the animal Control Ordinance Amendment, (2003-03), was read and a Motion was made to adopt the amended ordinance by Alderman Daniel with a Second from Alderman Dinsmore. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition. This was the second vote on this amendment. A third and final vote is still required and is scheduled to take place at the special meeting already scheduled for next Tuesday night (Aug 10, 2003).

Comments:

Comment from floor concerning the "Condition of Property" Ordinance that was amended earlier in this meeting. Discussion about enforcement followed.

Motion to Adjourn was offered by Alderman Tribble with a second from Alderman Everett. Voice vote with no opposition followed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:19pm 8-12-03

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer